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*Report of inspection at Palermo.*NAPLES, ITALY, *October 3, 1900.*

SIR: In pursuance of the telegraphic orders of the Bureau of September 8, and 27, ultimo, directing me to proceed to Palermo for the purpose of inspecting emigrants bound for New Orleans, I have the honor to report as follows:

After many changes in the date for the departure of the steamship *California*, of the Anchor Line, I was informed that the vessel would be ready for inspection on September 24, and would depart for New Orleans September 25. On arriving at Palermo I was informed that the ship was to sail one day later than previously announced. The inspection of the emigrants was attended with much difficulty owing to the inexperience of the interested officials, which is due to the fact that the sailings from Palermo direct are very few. The inspection was done in conjunction with the Italian commission, in the same manner as is the custom here in Naples.

The steamship company employed a local doctor to inspect the emigrants before they presented themselves at the regular inspection. He rejected 33 for various diseases. On inspection 855 steerage passengers were passed; 4 cases of trachoma, 4 cases of hernia, and 1 case of poor physique were advised not to embark. The advice was accepted in every case.

On September 30 was inspected the steamship *Sempione* of the Italian General Navigation Company, bound for New Orleans. The steamship was a model of cleanliness. There were inspected and passed 1,131 steerage passengers; 9 cases of trachoma, 8 cases of hernia, 1 case of marasmus, 1 case of fever, 1 case of orchitis were advised not to embark. The advice was accepted in every case. Three cases of malaria were found among the emigrants and ordered to be placed in the ship's hospital. On making the total count it was found that there were more passengers aboard than there were places. The captain was informed and he had the surplus disembarked.

I wish to express my appreciation of the great courtesy and consideration shown your representative by the Italian commission and the steamship officials.

Respectfully,

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

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JAPAN.

*Renewed outbreak of plague at Osaka.*YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, *September 23, 1900.*

SIR: Confirming my cable dispatch of September 17, announcing the renewed outbreak of plague at Osaka, I have the honor to add that, up to yesterday, so far as I have been able to ascertain, there have been 12 cases in all in that city.

For several days before the confession of the actual existence of plague in Osaka the newspapers reported cases of "pseudopest" whatever that may mean.

Respectfully,

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

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